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The Honorable Kay Granger Chair Committee on Appropriations, U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations, U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Gateway Transit Center Improvements Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is TriMet located at 1800 SW 1st Ave, Suite 300, Portland, OR 97201. The funding would be used to improve the Gateway Transit Center, including a rebuild of the existing operator layover facility and site enhancements to add layover capacity for more buses.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Gateway Transit Center Project will support the region's goals to increase transit ridership through new and increased bus service to serve more people and places with high capacity, frequent and high-quality transit. These improvements will have a public benefit by making transit more accessible for all users.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Earl Blumenauer Member of Congress